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PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE AT FCO, JOAN LESTOR, MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON SEYCHELLES CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS ON APRIL 30: BEGIN QUOTE: GOOD PROGRESS WAS MADE BUT DIFFERENCES REMAINED OVER AN INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I COULD NOT RECOMMEND NEW ELECTIONS NOR THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD IMPOSE A SOLUTION. BUT THE GOVERNMENT HAVE AGREED THE NEXT STEPS, INCLUDING A COALITION GOVERNMENT, AN ELECTORAL REVIEW COMMISSION, AND A TIMETABLE FOR INDEPENDENCE, SUBJECT TO PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL, BY JUNE 30, 1976. A WHITE PAPER WILL BE PUBLISHED SOON...WE ENVISAGE THAT THE COALITION GOVERNMENT WILL BE FORMED IN JUNE, AND THE INTERIM CONSTITUTION INTRODUCED IN SEPTEMBER. THE ELECTORAL REVIEW COMMISSION IS TO BE ASKED TO REPORT TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY IN DECEMBER, IN TIME FOR THE RENEWED CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE, PROBABLY IN JANUARY. END QUOTE.

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